

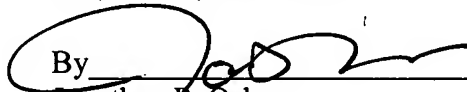
**REMARKS**

Please consider the application in view of the above amendments and the following remarks. The above amendments were made to correct typographical errors and conform with U.S. claim format. These amendments are not made in view of prior art. The amendment is fully supported by the original specification and no new matter has been added.

Applicant believes this application to be in condition for allowance. If this belief is incorrect, or other issues arise, do not hesitate to contact the undersigned or his associates at the telephone number listed below. Please apply any charges not covered, or any credits, to Deposit Account 50-0591 (Reference Number 17114/003001).

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